



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Nathan Williamson, Director of Title Grants & Support
Robin LeClaire, Director of School Improvement
Date: June 5, 2019
RE: Approval of Turnaround Funds Distribution

Recommendation: Approve recommended SIG funding amounts.

Background

For the 2019-2020 school year, IDOE received \$10 million less (\$258,099,827) in overall Title I funding when compared to the 2018-2019 school year (\$268,364,572). Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), all School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding is derived as a set-aside of the overall Title I allocation. Although Sec. 1003 under ESSA requires IDOE to set-aside 7% for SIG purposes, 1003(h) of ESSA prohibits IDOE from reserving SIG funding from any local education agency (LEA) who declined in Title I funding. Since the overall State allocation decreased, fewer LEAs generated a base allocation increase. Despite reverting all LEAs back to their base allocation from the 2018-2019 school year, IDOE was only able to reserve 12.8 million for SIG purposes, a significant decrease from last year's 17.4 million.

Considering that the State Board of Education (SBOE) has historically reserved approximately 35% of the total SIG funding to support the turnaround academies under IC 20-31-9.5-3, IDOE's recommendation attempts to align the recommended percentage allocated to turnaround academies with this same historical percentage. Furthermore, 1003(c) of ESSA limits the total number of years that a school can receive SIG dollars to four. All turnaround academies who received SIG funding in 2017-2018 may only receive SIG funding through 2020-2021, and future SBOE-approved turnaround academy plans need to incorporate only up to four years of SIG funding rather than the past practice of five. These requirements emphasize that SBOE should approve plans that are focused upon increasing capacity while decreasing reliance on SIG funding over the course of the four years, while ensuring enough funds are available for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) to prevent future state board intervention.

IDOE's funding recommendation demonstrates its commitment to equity for all low-performing schools. Following SBOE approval of federal 1003 SIG funding for the 2019-2020 school year, each LEA must submit qualifying grant applications to IDOE for each school they have been approved to serve. The IDOE will review the applications for allowability and to ensure all interventions meet the

evidentiary thresholds of Sec. 8101(21)(A) of ESSA.

Recommendation

SBOE and IDOE staff engaged all turnaround academy leaders in May 2019 to discuss the overall SIG funding decrease and to request each LEA carefully review their budgets to identify potential areas to reduce funding. After IDOE analysis, the recommendation below represents LEA or SBOE staff recommended figures for all turnaround academies except for the turnaround school operators (TSO). Due to partnerships with traditional public school corporations that provide additional resources or the final year of TSO status that must emphasize sustainability, IDOE proposes the same per-pupil expenditure (PPE) for the TSOs as the lowest PPE figure for the next turnaround academy.

With the figures below, and based upon projections on the number of CSI schools, the IDOE projects it will have remaining funding to support planning grants for first-year identified CSI schools and a small percentage of implementation grants out of the 153 currently identified CSI schools.

School Corporation Name	Intervention Model	2016-17	2017-18	2018-2019	2019-2020
Evansville/Vanderburgh School Corp (EVSC)	Transformation Zone	\$750,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	1,229,642 ¹
Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)	Transformation Zone	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,079,936	1,087,000 ²
Charter Schools USA (CSUSA)	Special Management Team	\$2,991,115	\$2,482,892	\$2,110,458	\$509,627 ³
Edison Learning Roosevelt	Innovation Network School	\$900,000	\$765,000	\$650,250	\$161,517 ⁴
Kindezi Academy @ Joyce Kilmer #69 (IPS)	Innovation Network School	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$230,000 ⁵
South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC)	Empowerment Zone	SIG 1003g	SIG 1003g	\$150,000	\$901,812 ⁶
Kokomo Public Schools	Transformation Zone			\$967,703	\$1,279,688 ⁷
GRAND TOTAL		\$6,541,115	\$6,347,892	\$6,158,347	\$5,399,286

¹ Matches EVSC and SBOE staff requested figure

² Matches IPS requested figure

³ Matches same PPE as end of range for other turnaround academies

⁴ Matches same PPE as end of range for other turnaround academies

⁵ Matches Kindezi requested figure

⁶ Matches SBCSC staff requested figure

⁷ Matches SBOE staff requested figure

The following table includes school-specific details for each intervention. Several schools receive 1003 SIG funding, as directed by SBOE, although they do not meet the definition of a turnaround academy, petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5, or were eligible due to the transition authority waiver provided by U.S. Department of Education.

School Corporation/ School Name	Eligibility	Per-pupil Funding 19-20
Evansville Vanderburgh Community Schools (EVCS)*		
Glenwood Leadership Academy	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$848.61
Caze Elementary	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
Lincoln School	USED Transition Authority Waiver; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
AIS Diamond	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS)		
Northwest Community Middle School	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$325.64
James Russell Lowell 51	CSI; Not turnaround academy	
Louis B Russell Jr 48	CSI; Not turnaround academy	
James Whitcomb Riley 43	CSI; Not turnaround academy	
Clarence Farrington 61	CSI; Not turnaround academy	
George Buck 94	CSI; Not turnaround academy	
Ralph Waldo Emerson 58	USED Transition Authority Waiver; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
Lew Wallace 107	USED Transition Authority Waiver; Not turnaround academy	
Charter School USA (CSUSA)		
Emma Donnan Middle School	USED Transition Authority Waiver; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$325.64
T.C. Howe High School	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
Emmerich Manual High School	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	
Edison Learning		
Theodore Roosevelt College & Career Academy	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$325.64
Kokomo Public Schools		
Pettit Park Elementary School	USED Transition Authority Waiver; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	\$1,460.83
Bon Air Elementary School	USED Transition Authority Waiver; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	
Bon Air Middle School	CSI; petitioned early under	

	20-31-9.5-9.5	
South Bend CSC		
Navarre Middle School	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$405.49
Coquillard Elementary School	CSI; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	
Harrison Elementary School	CSI; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	
Wilson Elementary School	CSI; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	
Warren Elementary School	CSI; petitioned early under 20-31-9.5-9.5	
Kindezi at Joyce Kilmer 69		
Kindezi	CSI; Turnaround Academy under 20-31-9-4	\$582.28